

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

After entry of the present amendment, Claims 2-3 are pending in this application.

Claim 2 has been amended by the present amendment. Claims 1 and 4-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 4-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Sines et al (US 2005/0038715 A1). Claim 1 is objected to for informalities: Applicant is advised to remove the pronoun “it” in the claim. Claims 2 and 3 are allowed over the prior art.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Office Action, claims 2 and 3 contain allowable subject matter thus are allowed over the prior art. By the present amendment, claim 2 has been amended to be properly rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of original claim 1. In addition, reference to the pronoun “it” has been removed from the claim.

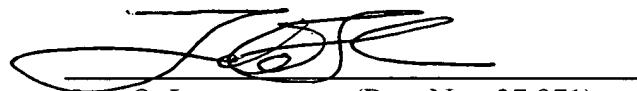
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the claims be withdrawn and claims 2 and 3 be allowed.

III. CONCLUSION

The above-discussed remarks are believed to place the present Application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above amendments, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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